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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),

(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 293,163

filed on April 16, 1999 entitled METHOD OF MODIFYING RHEOLOGY OF SLURRIES IN MINERAL PROCESSING

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))		11 -3** =		x \$ _____ =	0
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				Total of above Calculations =	740.00
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6. ☐ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 23 - 2126:a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 740.00 for filing fee is enclosed. 920.00 for extension fee9. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.11. ☒ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired 5593 CPA

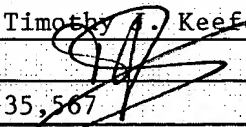
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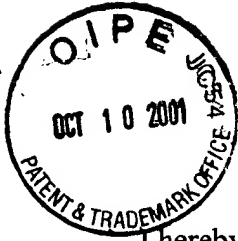
12. a. ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)b. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)13. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time/ Certificate of Express Mail EL881437201US**NOTE:** The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.**14. NEW CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**☐ Customer Number or Bar Code Labelor ☒ New correspondence address below

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is the reply to the Official Action which was mailed April 10, 2001 noting the initial term for response expired July 10, 2001. Please find attached herewith in duplicate a request for a three month extension of term bringing the term for response to October 10, 2001, accompanied by a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the cost of said extension.

Filed simultaneously herewith are the appropriate papers for continuing prosecution as a newly filed continued prosecution application (CPA), along with an additional check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-2126 for any additional fee deemed necessary.